

**Director's Report**  
**Hamburg Public Library Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Monday, November 7 @ 6:00 PM**  
**To be held at the Lake Shore Library**

**Red Cross Blood Drives**

Red Cross Blood drives were held on Monday, September 26 and Wednesday, November 2 at both the Hamburg and Lake Shore libraries. Additional drives have been scheduled throughout the remainder of the year and in 2023.

**Banned Books Readout: Exploring our Cultures**

On September 19 and 21 stories were read by local authors and community members celebrating our rich and diverse cultures at both the Hamburg and Lake Shore libraries during Banned Books Week. Diana Patton, president and founder of We Exist Coalition, coordinated the event. The program was well received with 36 children, teens, and adults attending. Afterwards, staff received many positive comments, especially from the teens. They expressed an interest in having a similar program at a future date.

**Scavenger Hunts**

Each month both libraries continue to have a new scavenger hunt available. In September Hamburg had 307 adults and children participated. October's scavenger hunt had 395 adults and children participate. Lake Shore had 50 participants over the same 2 month period.

**Page Turner Adventures**

The Hamburg Library received a free trial of the Laugh & Learn, a pilot program through Page Turner Adventures. This was a virtual program offered from September 19-October 7. Attendees were given access to an interactive video and guides for additional activities.

Director Hoth gave coffee mugs to members of Imagine Hamburg, the Hamburg Garden Club, and Kiwanis Club of Hamburg during their monthly meetings. These groups meet at the Hamburg Library.

Both Phoebe and Myrra the reading dogs make visits to the Hamburg and Lake Shore libraries respectively to the enjoyment of children and adults!

Pumpkins, cornstalks, and mums were again purchased for both libraries to add some fall festiveness. Thanks goes to caretakers Sean McSkimming and Larry Porter for putting up the cornstalks.

## **Food and Household Supplies Drive**

Both the Hamburg and Lake Shore libraries collected non-perishable items for feedhamburg. The drive, held on Saturday, October 15, was sponsored by Assemblymember Jon Rivera and Supervisor Randy Hoak. Cheryl Quimba, consultant services manager for Assemblymember Rivera's office, sent a thank you card to Director Hoth thanking the staff for their support!

## *Hamburg*

### **Library Card Signup Month**

National Library Card Signup Month was held during September and October. Patrons hatched a dragon egg every time someone registered for a card. The wall was filled with baby dragons! A total of 187 new cardholders were added.



### **New Patron Computers**

In September, the Hamburg Library received new, updated computers for patron use. The IT Department completed the installation.

### **Sensory Play Nook**

A Sensory Play Nook was created in the area where the children's computers were located. Four of the six computers were removed due to lack of use. A light table, interactive STEM wall and activities that rotate out for sensory play were added. Our community has supported the activities available in this area with several generous donations from our AmazonSmile Charity List.

### **Take and Make Kits**

We continue to distribute 100 take and make kits each week to children, and 25 kits monthly to teens.

### **Trick or Treat Mystery Bags**

Trick or Treat Mystery bags were offered a few weeks before Halloween. Each bag was filled with a surprise wrapped book to check out and enjoy. Eleven mystery bags were checked out.

## **Programs offered this month include:**

### **Family Story Time w/Miss Laurie**

Library Associate Laurie Obrochta led family storytime in the Kid's Space area, with 350 children and adults in attendance over 6 sessions. The sessions ran from September 14 to October 19.

### **Tales at Twilight**

Librarian Ashley Cassidy began a weekly evening storytime for ages 3 and up in October. She shares a story and songs, and the children partake in sensory play or process art. Each session was full, with a waiting list.

### **Bookworms**

Librarian Ashley Cassidy led a discussion on Small Spaces by Katherine Arden in a new middle grade book club with 6 tweens in attendance. Following the discussion was a STEAM activity where the tweens created marble mazes.

### **Signage as Art**

This program held weekly continues to be a draw. The Hamburg Library is serving as a temporary host while the Gonzales Soto Branch is being renovated. All sessions were well attended.

### **Understanding and Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors**

On September 8 the Alzheimer's Association presented on decoding behavioral messages, identifying common triggers, and learning strategies to help manage some of the most common behavioral challenges of Alzheimer's disease.

### **Wills and Healthcare Proxies**

On September 14 Senior Services of North America visited to provide information on wills and healthcare proxies.

### **Heart Sense**

On October 1 Our Omphalos hosted a children's yoga and mindfulness class on the front lawn. There were 14 in attendance.

### **Earth Science Day**

On October 1 Director Hoth and Senior Page Jayne Gannon tabled at Penn Dixie's 24th annual Earth Science Day. Children colored slap bracelets and there were lots of dinosaur-related giveaways on hand. Promotional flyers were given out as well. 222 children and adults stopped by.

## **Local Authors**

Several local authors visited the Hamburg Library in September and October.

- On September 20 David Heraty discussed his newest book, American Prosecutor, about the assassination of President William McKinley and the efforts of District Attorney Thomas Penny to bring him to justice. 11 adults were in attendance. A copy was purchased to add to the Local Author collection.
- On October 4 MaryJean Zajac visited to discuss her Cetta Borski book series and answer questions. She is the author of Murder on the Run and Take the Money and Run.
- On October 7 Jasmine Sawers visited to discuss their new title The Anchored World, a collection of flash fairy tales and folklore. Jasmine Sawers is a Kundiman fellow and Indiana University MFA alum whose work has appeared in such journals as Foglifter, AAWW's The Margins, SmokeLong Quarterly, and more. Their fiction has won the Ploughshares Emerging Writer's Contest and the NANO Prize, and has been nominated for Best of the Net, Best Small Fictions, and the Pushcart Prize. There were 20 people in attendance. Jasmine mentioned she/they are from Hamburg and hasn't visited the Hamburg Library in many years. Director Hoth gave them a tour.

## **Witches, Vampires, Werewolves and Other Creatures of the Night**

On October 10 Phillips Stevens, PhD, an Anthropology professor emeritus, University @ Buffalo, gave a talk on dangerous beings that roam in search of human victims from an anthropological perspective with 13 in attendance. Several myths were discounted. Audience members had many questions.

## **Village Business Advisory Council (VBAC)**

On October 19 the Hamburg Library served as their monthly meeting place. Librarian Ashley Cassidy represents the Hamburg Library. Ashley began attending meetings in September. She gave members a brief tour.

## **Buying Technology**

On October 20 a representative from the TechKnow Lab visited to conduct a class on Buying Technology. The 5 adults in attendance learned how to navigate the technical vocabulary to identify computers, phones, gaming consoles and TVs that fit their needs.

## **Union Pleasant Elementary School Scholastic Book Fair**

The Hamburg Library was invited to table at the school's book fair. Librarian Stephanie Molnar and Senior Page Madeline Della Vella attended to provide families with

information about the library. Children in attendance worked on a craft and received giveaways. 203 people stopped by the table that evening.

### **Lee Conmigo en Espanol (Come Read with me in Spanish)**

Mariely Ortiz, a parent and library user, held a story hour spoken entirely in Spanish to 15 children and their parents at the Hamburg Library. This will be an ongoing program. In October, she partnered with another community member to bring in a musical component. Some of the families in attendance were Spanish-speaking, others were interested in learning.

### **LEGO Club**

LEGO Club continues to be a popular event. Up to 30 children can register for the program. The program is offered once a month and is led by Senior Page Shannon Carnall.

### **Cookbook Club**

On September 15 Librarian Leslie Carr selected recipes from the Pioneer Woman's Come and Get it! They had 10 participants in attendance and everyone had a great time discussing the recipes they chose and of course, eating! On October 19 Leslie chose The Autumn and Winter Cookbook from America's Test Kitchen with 8 participants in attendance. It was one of their "best ever"! Every dish was thoroughly enjoyed, with many going up for seconds. One of the newest members, a couple, not only makes a main course but desserts as well.

### **Director's Book Club**

On October 21 book club was held with 10 in attendance. October's title was The Secrets She Keeps by Michael Robotham. November's book is Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer.

### **A Celebration of Grant "Home Run" Johnson**

On October 22 Howard Henry, an expert on baseball's Negro League, did a presentation on Grant "Home Run" Johnson. Mr. Johnson was an outstanding short stop and second baseman. After his time in the Negro League, Mr. Johnson spent the remainder of his life in the Buffalo area. He is buried in Lake Side Cemetery. September 23 marked his sesquicentennial. A copy of Mr. Howard's book, Saving Buffalo Baseball, was purchased to add to the Local Authors collection.

### **An Afternoon of Trick or Treat**

On October 29 the Hamburg Library participated in the Village Trick or Treat as organized by Molly + Kate. Nearly 800 people came in between 12-2pm for trick or

treating! Staff heard many compliments about the library with some visiting for the first time. This was a VBAC event.

### **Storytime at Smarty Pants Childcare**

Librarian Ashley Cassidy continues to provide monthly storytimes for the Preschool and Kinder-Ready classes at Smarty Pants Childcare.

## *Lake Shore*

### **Programs offered this month include:**

#### **Library Card Sign-up Month**

A Famous Mice scavenger hunt was held in September. Children scurried around the building looking for famous mice such as Mickey Mouse, Mighty Mouse, and Despereaux. Fifty children participated.

#### **EduKids**

Librarian Stephanie Molnar visited EduKids every other Friday morning in September and October reading to 4 classes. She read to a total of 224 children.

#### **LEGO Club**

On September 24 and October 29 LEGO Club was held with a total of 8 participants.

#### **Cookbook Club**

Cookbook Club was held on September 12 and October 10 with 8 attendees. In September, recipes were taken from United We Eat by Capri S. Cafaro and in October, from The Cartoonist's Cookbook.

#### **Adult Craft Night**

Adult Craft Night was held on September 19 and October 17 with 19 and 11 attendees respectively. Participants made a shell craft in September and Halloween string art in October.

#### **Class Visits**

Students from EduKids visited on September 8, 15, and 22. Librarian Stephanie Molnar had 28 kids and 9 adults total. Three books were read and each child was given a sticker.

#### **Story Time**

Librarian Stephanie Molnar led story time with 85 children and adults over 5 sessions. Afterwards, the children make a craft. Themes included: Halloween, Space, Trains, and Winnie the Pooh.

### **Lapsit**

On September 24 and October 22, 2 lapsit programs were held with Miss Laurie with a total of 5 attendees. This program has been restarted after the pandemic and will take time to build.

### **Adult Book Club**

Adult Book Club was held on September 26 and October 24 with 7 and 12 participants respectively. September's book was Daughter of Fortune by Isabel Allende. October's selection was The Whisper Man by Alex North.

### **Computer Basics**

On September 13 a member of the TechKnow Lab presented a class on computer basics with 2 in attendance.

### **Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia**

On October 19 the Alzheimer's Association presented on decoding behavioral messages, identifying common triggers, and learning strategies to help manage some of the most common behavioral challenges of Alzheimer's disease.

9 were in attendance.

### **Halloween Party**

On October 22 Lake Shore held its annual Halloween Party with 42 children and adults in attendance. The children dressed in their costumes. They were treated to activities, crafts, trick or treating, and a story. There was a contest for best costume. Director Hoth had the task of picking the 2 best dressed children. The Kiwanis Club of Hamburg volunteered to assist with trick or treating and handing out refreshments.



Respectfully submitted,

Brian Hoth - Director

## Hamburg Public Library – September 2022 Report

### Circulation Statistics

	<b>September 2022</b>	<b>September 2021</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Hamburg</b>	18,697	10,180	83.7%
<b>Lakeshore</b>	6,081	3,213	89.3%

### Patron Door Counts

	<b>September 2022</b>	<b>September 2021</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Hamburg</b>	6,183	5,339	15.8%
<b>Lakeshore</b>	2,544	2,488	2.3%

### Computer Sessions

	<b>September 2022</b>	<b>September 2021</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Hamburg</b>	786	761	3.3%
<b>Lakeshore</b>	229	197	16.2%

### WiFi Sessions

	<b>September 2022</b>	<b>September 2021</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Hamburg</b>	1,678	1,737	-3.4%
<b>Lakeshore</b>	365	374	-2.4%



**2022 Financial Report  
Hamburg Public Library**

**M&T Business Account – Checking**

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
9/9/2022		M & T Service charge		5.08	5348.97
9/15/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	22.29		5371.26
9/15/2022	4517	Laura Obrochta (reimbursement for take-n-makes)		22.29	5348.97
9/22/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	176.66		5525.63
9/22/2022	4518	Amazon (Programming supplies)		46.98	5478.65
9/22/2022	4519	Cintas (Door mats replaced Hamburg & Lake Shore)		129.68	5348.97
9/29/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	103.8		5452.77
9/29/2022	4520	USPS (Stamps for Hamburg & Lake Shore through the end of the year)		103.80	5348.97
10/6/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	760.72		6109.69
10/6/2022	4521	Cintas (Door mats replaced Hamburg & Lake Shore)		64.84	6044.85
10/6/2022	4522	Waste Management (Lake Shore refuse bill 10/1 – 12/31/2022)		502.44	5542.41
10/6/2022	4523	Brian Hoth (September mileage reimbursement)		32.00	5510.41
10/6/2022	4524	Laura W. Cunningham (September		20.00	5490.41

		mileage reimbursement)			
10/6/2022	4525	ECWA (Hamburg monthly water bill)		33.00	5457.41
10/6/2022	4526	Guis Lumber (Hamburg & Lake Shore maintenance expenses for September)		108.44	5348.97
10/13/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	16.25		5365.22
10/13/2022	4527	Laurie Obrochta (reimbursement for take-n-makes)		16.25	5348.97
10/20/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	641.39		5990.36
10/20/2022	4528	ECWA ( Hamburg & Lake Shore water bill's for 7/2 - 10/1/2022)		414.69	5575.67
10/20/2022	4529	John Danforth Company (filters)		201.70	5373.97
10/20/2022	4530	Stony Brook Fdn / p-k (Fall Zoom Art class)		25.00	5348.97

**Final Balance: \$5,348.97**

### M&T Business Account – Savings

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
9/13/2022		Deposit (Lake Shore Fine & Printing Revenue for August)	103.9		4,967.38
9/15/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Fine & Printing Revenue)	254.2		5,221.58
9/15/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		22.29	5,199.29
9/22/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Fine & Printing Revenue)	226.93		5,426.22

9/22/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		176.66	5,249.56
9/29/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Fine & Printing Revenue)	158.73		5,408.29
9/29/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		103.8	5,304.49
9/30/2022		M & T Interest	0.08		5,304.57
10/6/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Fine & Printing Revenue)	95.35		5,399.92
10/6/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		760.72	4,639.20
10/13/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Fine & Printing Revenue)	201.39		4,840.59
10/13/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		16.25	4,824.34
10/20/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Fine & Printing Revenue)	156.57		4,980.91
10/20/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		641.39	4,339.52
10/20/2022		Deposit (Lake Shore Fine & Printing Revenue for September)	64.25		4,403.77
10/27/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Fine & Printing Revenue)	210.8		4,614.57

**Final Balance: \$4,614.57**

### Northwest Private Account – Checking

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
9/22/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	340.89		2505.67
9/22/2022	3361	Brian Hoth (reimbursement for LED Light box)		199.95	2305.72

9/22/2022	3362	Amazon (Ink and hard storage travel bags)		140.94	2164.78
9/29/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	5978.85		8143.63
9/29/2022	3363	Amazon (early learning light kit)		69.95	8073.68
9/29/2022	3364	DEMCO (library stamp supplies)		85.97	7987.71
9/29/2022	3367	Brian Hoth (Percussion Play Set for Lake Shore)		4350.00	3637.71
9/29/2022	3368	Ashley Cassidy (Healing Library Kits)		536.93	3100.78
10/6/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	405.62		3506.40
10/6/2022	3369	Brian Hoth (Reimbursement for fundraiser Fowler's Candy)		216.00	3290.40
10/6/2022	3370	B&ECPL (library memorial books from a donation)		23.97	3266.43
10/6/2022	3371	Amazon (sensory items for light table & tags)		100.04	3166.39
10/6/2022	3372	Ashley Cassidy (reimbursement for evening story hour)		65.61	3100.78
10/7/2022	3373	Jasmine Sawers (purchase of local author's book for our collection)		15.00	3085.78
10/13/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	101.75		3187.53
10/13/2022	3374	Brian Hoth (reimbursement for fall decorations for Hamburg and Lake Shore)		86.75	3100.78
10/20/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	275.21		3375.99
10/20/2022	3375	Brian Hoth (reimbursement for refreshments for committee meeting)		35.25	3340.74
10/20/2022	3376	Men's Health (magazine subscription extension)		29.97	3310.77

10/20/2022	3377	Amazon (portable remote charger)		209.99	3100.78
10/27/2022		Deposit (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)	100.00		3200.78
10/27/2022	3378	Howard Henry (program cost for Grant "Home Run" Johnson presentation)		100.00	3100.78
10/27/2022	3379	Creative Advertising (Ceramic mugs for sale at Hamburg and Lake Shore)		936.00	2164.78

**Final Balance: \$2,164.78**

### Northwest Private Account – Savings

Date		Transaction	Deposit	Payment	Balance
9/13/2022		Deposit (Lake Shore August Book Sale and donation box )	174.50		40202.11
9/15/2022		Deposit (Hamburg donation box)	20.00		40222.11
9/22/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale and donation box)	120.50		40342.61
9/22/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		340.89	40001.72
9/29/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		5,978.85	34022.87
9/30/2022		Northwest Bank Interest	0.33		34023.20
10/6/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale and donation box)	62.25		34085.45
10/6/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		405.62	33679.83
10/13/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		101.75	33578.08

10/13/2022		Deposit (From the Arts Services Inc. of Western NY for children's music garden at Lake Shore)	8000.00		41578.08
10/20/2022		Deposit (Hamburg Book Sale and donation box)	131.25		41709.33
10/20/2022		Deposit (Friends of the Hamburg Library reimbursement for Healing Library Kits)	536.93		42246.26
10/20/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		275.21	41971.05
10/20/2022		Deposit (Lake Shore September Book Sale)	94.50		42065.55
10/27/2022		Withdrawal (Transfer from Savings to Checking for bills)		100.00	41965.55

**Final Balance: \$41,965.55**

The Friends of the library reimbursed us for our Healing Library Kits since the last meeting and we received a check for \$8,000 from the Arts Services Initiative of Western New York for the development of the children's music garden at the Lakeshore library. The rest of the transactions were fairly routine.

Proceeds from Book Sale, Candy Sale and mugs:

9/8/2022 -11/1/2022 = \$548.50